BAY FAIR

PLANNING Bay Fair Station is one of seven stations for which a 2004 BART Comprehensive Station Plan (CSP) will be completed. New ownership of the Bayfair Mall by Madison Marquette, is resulting in a new visioning process for the Mall. The BART CSP will examine potential development opportunities associated with those potential changes to the extent possible. BART Planning is also seeking to coordinate with AC Transit on the Bus Rapid Transit project, define additional access projects and illustrate recommended station capacity improvements. The CSP can then provide a framework for discussion in a future collaborative station area planning effort between BART, the City of San Leandro, Alameda County and the Bayfair Mall owner.

BART has also been participating as a partner with the City, developer and consultants in the development, design review and creation of guidelines for achieving smart growth objectives with enhanced transit access. A concurrent City revitalization effort being considered for adoption is focused on the East 14th Street Corridor, incorporating infill development, transit access and urban revitalization.

DEVELOPMENT New changes in Bay Fair Mall's ownership, tenancy expectations, site planning and circulation will affect possibilities for the development of BART property. The current vision is for a phased approach to rejuvenating the aging mall into a vibrant mixed-use commercial center, with a transit oriented dimension to retail, future housing opportunities, and enhanced urban design for public spaces. As new plans are unveiled, BART will conduct a full opportunity assessment.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS The Alameda County Redevelopment Agency is leading the implementation of new pedestrian and transit oriented access improvements based upon a community plan endorsed by the county, BART and the City of San Leandro. The plan focuses upon a series of pedestrian oriented improvements including new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting and other elements in the neighborhoods surrounding the BART station. The anticipated completion of the project is for Fall 2004.

Bayfair Mall has completed a series of improvements during 2003, including new interior streets with enhanced sidewalks, crosswalks, landscaping, lighting and signage as well as rehabilitating the pedestrian bridge connecting the BART station to the mall.

BART completed a series of ADA-related improvements in 2003, including new sidewalks, ramps and crosswalks. This station has had new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed.

REINVESTMENT This station had new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the parking lot in 2002. This station is also scheduled to have energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the station itself and to have the parking lot surface rehabilitated in 2004, as part of ongoing station renovation program activities. Included in the parking lot rehabilitation is repair and resurfacing of the lot, as well as the re-striping and renumbering of the stalls, and the replacement of pavement markings with long life thermoplastic markings. Lots are also realigned to maximize space utilization and to support the District's new Long-Term Parking Program.

CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS The recently completed Station Capacity Study examined recommended improvements for the Bay Fair Station. As an "Aerial Center" platform station prototype for the larger systemwide study, both Safety Criteria and Passenger Service Criteria were used to analyze the critical areas of platform, vertical circulation (stairs/escalators), and faregate capacity. Specific proposals for capacity increasing projects will be illustrated and described within the forthcoming CSP.